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C O N F I D E N T I A L BELGRADE 5219

BONN, MILAN AND PARIS FOR DEA, FROM TO RIZZO

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR YO

SUBJECT: PROPOSED PURCHASE OF OPIUM

REF: BELGRADE 5191; RIZZO-HILL TELECON

1. MISIC IN FEDERAL INTERIOR SECRETARIAT (SSUP) INFORMED OF PLAN TO EXCHANGE UP TO 200 KGS OPIUM EITHER IN BELGRADE OR SKOPJE. HE READILY OFFERED SSUP'S COOPERATION AND NOW ALERTING BELGRADE POLICE TO BE READY FOR EXCHANGE EARLY NEXT WEEK. SKOPJE POLICE WILL ALSO BE PREPARED IN CASE LOCATION IS SHIFTED.

2. BARTAMIAN SUGGESTS SENDING TELEGRAM APPROVING TRANSACTION FOR NEXT WEEK TO MICHEL BARTAMIAN, HOTEL PALAS, BELGRADE, SIGNED CARLO GUBETTI (AN ITALIAN NARCOTICS DEALER KNOWN TO HIM AND INDIRECTLY TO SUPPLIER). SUPPLIER, BY THE WAY, IS NABIL MAHAMED EL HASSHAMI, SYRIAN NATIONAL MARRIED TO YUGOSLAV.

3. SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION AFTER BARTAMIAN CONTACTS HASHAMI, RIZZO AND "BUYER" EXPECTED IN BELGRADE NOV 25 OR EARLY 26TH. FINAL PLANNING SESSION WITH SSUP SET FOR 26TH. EXCHANGE WILL TAKE PLACE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THEREAFTER.

4. BARTAMIAN PROPOSED TWO ADDITIONAL TRANSACTIONS WITH ILLICIT
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NARCOTICS WHICH HE WOULD LIKE TO ARRANGE WHILE IN YUGOSLAVIA,

AND OFFERED INFORMATION ON INTRNATIONAL CAR THEFT RING. YOUR REACTION APPRECIATED EITHER IN TELEGRAM OR DURING NEXT TELECON. (SSUP HAS NOT BEEN INFORMED OF ADDITIONAL SCHEMES THUS FAR.)

A. BARTAMIAN WOULD LIKE TO ORDER SHIPMENT OF HASHISH OIL WHICH WILL BE SMUGGLED OUT OF LEBANON BY CAR. IDENTITY OF CAR AND DRIVER WOULD BE TURNED OVER TO YUGOSLAV CUSTOMS FOR INTERCEPTION AT BORDER. BARTAMIAN CLAIMS TO HAVE CONTACT WITH GANG OF HASHISH OIL SMUGGLERS WHOSE LEADER IS ARAB RESIDENT OF DORTMUND, GERMANY, WITH FIRST NAME OF ADEL, AND USING TELEPHONE NUMBER 834-288. GANG HAS ALLEGEDLY EQUIPPED CARS WITH SIMPLE BUT SUCCESSFUL CACHE (DETAILS NOT KNOWN TO BARTAMIAN).

B. SECOND SCHEME INVOLVES ITALIAN COCAINE. BARTAMIAN CLAIMS ITALIAN FRIEND BY NAME OF FRANCO PREPARED TO ARRANGE DELIVERY OF COCAINE IN ITALY OR LEBANON.

5. BARTAMIAN HAS ALSO VOLUNTEERED INFORMATION ON CAR THEFT RINGS WHICH STEAL CARS IN GERMANY AND SMUGGLE THEM THROUGH YUGOSLAVIA TO TURKEY AND OTHER PARTS OF THE MIDDLE EAST. IT WAS SUGGESTED TO HIM THAT YUGOSLAV OR GERMAN POLICE MIGHT FIND THIS INFORMATION OF INTEREST.

6. REFTTEL BEING REPEATED TO PARIS AND BONN.
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